



Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences

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Disease Status Report



Reportable Disease: **Hepatitis C**

Hepatitis C is caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV), which is transmitted by blood to blood contact. The most common transmission is by sharing equipment used to inject drugs, and for people receiving a blood transfusion before 1992. Most infected persons remain without symptoms for decades after which many can develop liver failure and liver cancer. Novel antiviral medications are now available that can clear the infection.

The number and rate of newly reported cases among persons 15-29 years of age is increasing.

Data are as of 11/17/2015

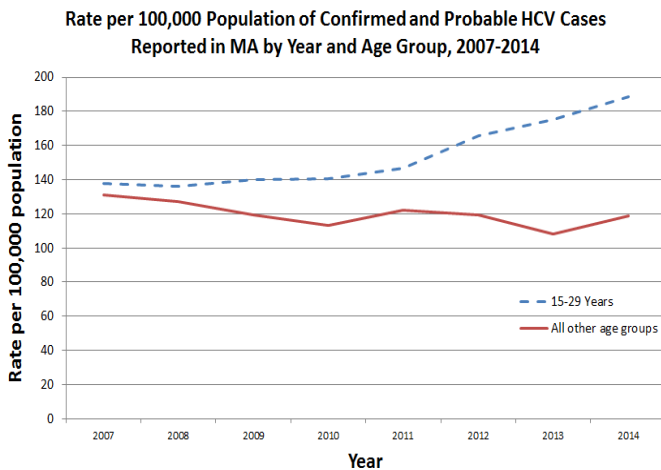
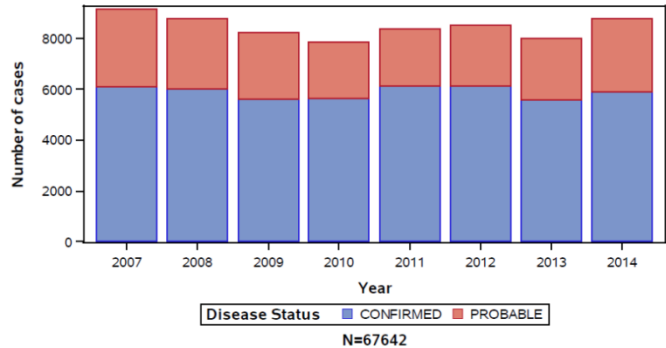
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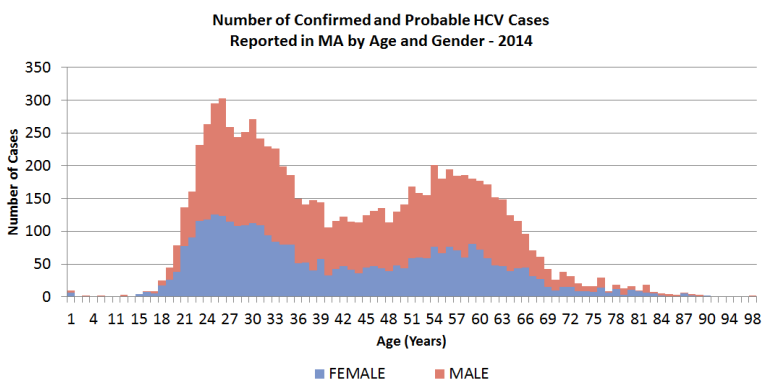
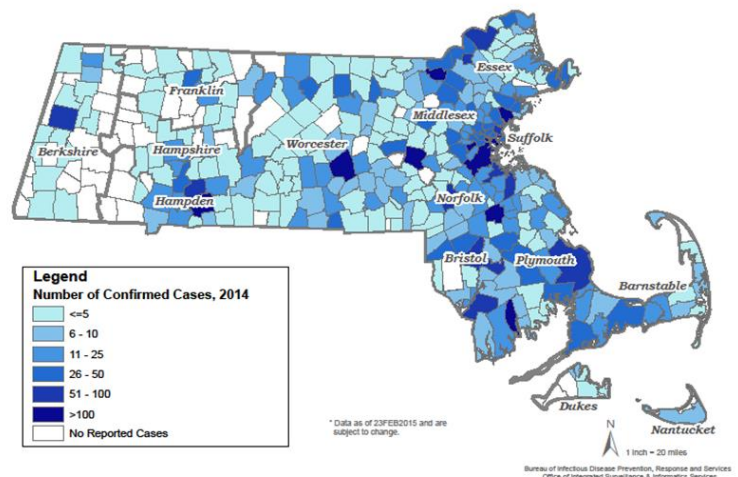
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Number of Confirmed and Probable HCV Cases Reported in MA by Year, 2007-2014



Newly Reported Confirmed (Past or Present)
Hepatitis C Cases by Current Massachusetts City/Town: 2014*



Rate per 100,000 Population of Confirmed and Probable HCV Cases Aged 15-29 Years
Reported in MA by County and Year, 2007-2014

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
All Massachusetts	137.8	135.9	139.9	140.7	146.8	165.7	175.4	188.8
Berkshire County	139.2	151.5	176.0	233.3	155.6	204.7	196.5	192.4
Bristol County	157.5	149.1	176.1	175.2	232.9	238.5	247.8	280.4
Cape and Islands	111.8	171.9	160.5	243.6	329.5	355.3	444.1	447.0
Essex County	162.9	131.0	127.4	129.5	138.8	151.7	151.0	193.9
Franklin County	135.3	143.2	135.3	103.4	103.4	111.4	222.8	246.6
Hampden County	186.2	170.0	155.7	143.5	138.4	164.9	186.2	146.5
Hampshire County	39.9	39.9	37.8	35.7	35.7	56.7	56.7	71.4
Middlesex County	109.6	112.8	101.0	90.2	105.1	128.1	137.0	135.1
Norfolk County	114.7	111.4	108.1	122.1	133.5	145.0	154.0	181.1
Plymouth County	110.8	141.1	162.1	180.7	198.2	262.3	267.0	253.0
Suffolk County	98.2	103.7	100.3	105.0	85.0	105.4	104.5	120.7
Worcester County	137.3	108.2	113.2	107.5	108.2	123.4	139.8	173.3